IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert at page 1 before the title the following heading:

TITLE:

MATERIAL MADE OF MINERAL FIBERS FOR ABSORBING IMPACT NOISE

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following paragraph:

BACKGROUND:

Field of Invention:

The invention relates to a material comprising mineral fibers, intended to be placed beneath a wood floor so as in particular to absorb impact noise emitted inside the room in which it is placed. The invention relates especially to an assembly comprising, in a juxtaposed manner, a wood floor and a material comprising a felt of mineral fibers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, with the following paragraph:

Description of Related Art

The improvement in the acoustic insulation of buildings (of any type, namely offices, dwellings, etc.) relates not only to the attenuation of the noise passing through the floor or the partitions, but also the attenuation of the noise emitted in a room in respect of the persons inside the same room. The invention firstly relates to this second type of acoustic insulation. Its purpose is therefore especially to attenuate, vis-à-vis a person in a room, the noise of impact with the floor (called "drum sound") emitted in the same room and especially that emitted by said person, for example the noise of his footsteps and more generally the noise of any impact with the floor. Within the context of the present application, this type of noise will be called "direct impact noise". However, the material according to the invention also acts by

attenuating the noise passing through the floor or the partitions ("impact sound") which will be called in the context of the present invention "transmitted impact noise".

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following paragraph:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

The material according to the invention helps to attenuate direct impact noise and transmitted impact noise. The material according to the invention comprises a felt of mineral fibers. This material has a thickness of a few mm and can be placed, taken from sheets or from a roll (if its flexibility so allows), beneath the entire surface of a wood floor. The term wood floor is to be taken in the broad sense, since the wood floors in question are not only wood floors made of wood blocks but more particularly wood floors called laminates, floating wood floors (comprising wood fiberboards in which the wood fibers are agglomerated in a binder, said fiberboard being combined, by means of an adhesive under pressure, with a decorative surface sheet) that can be laid as boards joined together by mortices and tenons. Within the context of the present invention, a laminated wood floor may be termed a "laminate".

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 33, with the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 relates to a process for manufacturing a material according to the invention, comprising a felt and a veil;

FIG. 2 shows the material according to the invention, comprising a veil on which a felt of glass fibers is bonded.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The material according to the invention may especially be prepared by a process comprising the following steps:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 26, with the following paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows the material according to the invention, which here comprises a veil 13 on which a felt of glass fibers 14 is bonded.